



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON D.C. 20460

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No 01-15-R4

OFFICE OF
CIVIL RIGHTS

(b) (6)

Harvest, Alabama 35749

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint against the Limestone Correctional Facility on January 5, 2015, alleging a violation of non-enforcement of ALA Code § 22-15A-1, *et seq.*, by Alabama Correctional Facility Employees.

OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. Pursuant to EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, OCR will notify you about its decision.

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact me, William Yon via telephone at (202) 564-5617, via e-mail at yon.william@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director, EPA OCR

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office, EPA
(MC 2399A)

Ken LaPierre
Deputy Civil Rights Official
U.S. EPA Region IV
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(MC 9T25)



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No 01-15-R4 OFFICE OF
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Commissioner Kim T. Thomas
Alabama Department of Corrections
301 South Ripley Street
P.O. Box 301501
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1501

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In Reply Refer to:

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CIVIL RIGHTS

(b) (6)

Harvest, Alabama 35749

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint against the Limestone Correctional Facility on February 9, 2015, alleging violations of various environmental laws.

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No 05D-15-R6

(b) (6)

Laredo, Texas

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Correspondence

Dear (b) (6)

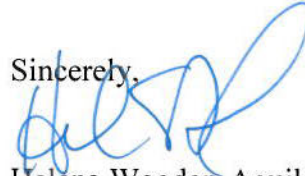
This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint against the City of Laredo, Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) on February 18, 2015, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact me, Ericka Farrell via telephone at (202) 564-0717, via e-mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director

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Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office, EPA
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Sam Coleman
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No 05D-15-R6

Mr. Paul Alford
Texas Commission for Environmental Quality
707 East Calton Road
Suite 304
Laredo, TX 78041

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Alford

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint against the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) on February 18, 2015, alleging in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No 05D-15-R6

Mr. Pete Saenz
Mayor, Laredo Texas
City Hall
1110 Houston Street, 3rd Floor
Laredo, TX 78040

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Saenz

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint against the City of Laredo, Texas on February 18, 2015, alleging in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

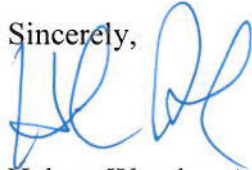
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 06R-15-R6

(b) (6)

Franklin, Louisiana 70538

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the Department of Justice received your complaint on October 14, 2014 and referred your complaint to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) on February 3, 2015 and OCR received your complaint on February 24, 2015, alleging the Ameripure Oyster Company, Inc. of environmental racism and that the City of Franklin may have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d, *et seq.*, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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If your complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the entities listed above. The EPA currently follows the Privacy Act, EPA-21 System of Record Routine Uses. You can further review this information at <http://www.epa.gov/privacy/notice/epa-21.htm>. This means regarding your rights and protection that the EPA is permitted to disclose this information without receiving your prior written consent to the following:

- To the Department of Justice or other Federal and State agencies when necessary to complete an investigation, enforce the nondiscrimination statutes set forth in

the Authority section of this Notice, or assure proper coordination between Federal agencies.

- To persons named as alleged discriminating officials to allow such persons the opportunity to respond to the allegations of discrimination made against them during the course of the discrimination complaint process.
- To any potential source of information when necessary to obtain information relevant to an OCR investigation of a discrimination complaint, but only to the extent necessary to inform the source of the Purpose(s) of the request and to identify the type of information requested.

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 06R-15-R6

Mayor Raymond Harris, Jr.
300 Iberia Street
Franklin, Louisiana 70538

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint on February 24, 2015 alleging that the City of Franklin and the Ameripure Oyster Company may have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed.)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HWA', is positioned above the printed name.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosure

cc: Elise Packard,
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman, Deputy Civil Rights Official
Region VI, (MC-6RA)



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

*Federal Coordination and Compliance Section-NWB
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530*

Doc #501704

Ms. Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Stop 1201A
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Ms. Golightly-Howell:

Enclosed for your review is a letter received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. The matter does not appear to be within the jurisdiction of our office.

However, the issues raised may fall within the jurisdiction of your agency and, therefore, we are referring it to you for appropriate disposition. The writer has been notified of the referral.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deeana Jang
Chief

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section
Civil Rights Division

Enclosure

FEB 24 2015

Willie J. Peters
246 Gum Point Ln
Franklin, LA 70538

FEDERAL COORDINATION
AND
COMPLIANCE SECTION
2014 OCT 14 AM 10:38

Civil Right Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

I am writing in behalf of [REDACTED] who have been living with this problem a long time, he have call any and everyone who he thought would give him some relief. He brought this to our attention. We (Meaning the NAACP) told him that we would send this to everyone that might have something to do with this. Enclose are some of the documents he gave.

Thank You



Willie J. Peters

FEB 24 2015

St. Mary Branch 6091 Legal Redress/Civil & Human Rights Complaint Form



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NAACP St. Mary Branch #6091

Post Office Box 1926

Morgan City, LA 70381

Email: www.stmarynaacp@yahoo.com

Are you a current member of the NAACP?

Yes ☐ No ☒

DATE: 7-20-2014

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED:

FOLLOWED UP BY:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Address

Telephone Number (home)

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (work)

Ext.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION UNLESS ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPLETED (ON BOTH PAGES), ALONG WITH A ONE-PART SUMMARY OF THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION THAT OCCURRED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED. YOU MAY ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES.

Do you currently have an attorney? Yes ☐ No ☒

Attorney's Name

Telephone #

Fax#

Address

City, State, Zip

Please select all that may apply: (please submit copies with complaint form.)

Has a lawsuit been filed?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when and where?

Please List Agency in which you are filing complaint against:

☒ Place of Business

☐ Government Agency

☐ School District

☐ Law Enforcement

☐ Other

Have you filed a complaint with the EEOC? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when and which office?

Have you filed a complaint with Fair Employment & Housing?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, when and where?

Other actions taken:

(a) Type of discrimination:

☐ Civil Rights Violation / Hate Crimes

☐ Discrimination

☐ Harassment

☐ Housing

☐ Racial Profiling

☐ Retaliation

☐ Other:

Environmental Racism

(b) How were you discriminated against?

We were targeted because of color → Don't have money

(c) By who were you discriminated? - Include name(s), race, and gender of each:

Name:

City of Franklin

Race:

Name:

Ameripure Oyster Company

Race:

Name:

Race:

(d) Where did the discrimination take place? Cite location/address for each incident:

Address #1:

City:

State:

Address #2:

City:

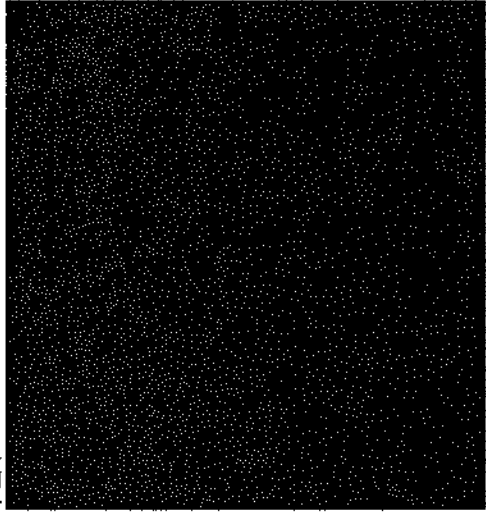
State:

(e) Did anyone witness the discrimination that took place?

lawyers or power in office.

FEB 24 2015

Southern Living
www.southernliving.com

Witness #1:		Address:	
Available to make statement on your behalf: Yes No		Phone:	
Witness #2:		Address:	
Available to make statement on your behalf: Yes No		Phone:	
(f) What was the effect or impact of the discriminating behavior on you?			
(g) To date, what actions have you taken so far?			
(h) Have you filed a complaint with or notified any other organization or individual			
Name:	Address:		
	Phone:		
What actions, if any, were taken in response to the complaint or notice of concern?			
Who took these actions?			
When were these actions taken?			
(i) What would you like the NAACP San Diego Branch to do for you regarding the discrimination/complaint?			
<i>Give us information, Guide us to the right people.</i>			

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I affirm that the statements that I have made above are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby request the assistance of the NAACP San Diego Branch in seeking a remedy to the situation described above. I hereby authorize the officers of the NAACP St. Mary Branch to have access to information and documents, which are relevant to my claim of discrimination described above.

I understand that once a referral has been made to a volunteer, community agency or private attorney, the NAACP St. Mary Branch WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for handling this matter. I further understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to HOLD the NAACP San Diego Branch harmless for any and all damages arising as a result of my case being mishandled, negligently handled or improperly handled in any way.

Signature:  Print FULL Name:  Date: 7-30-2014

NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 704 (a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (as amended), Section 4 (d) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, (as amended), and various other civil rights laws make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, employment agency, or labor organization: to discriminate against employees, applicants for employment, member or applicant for membership, because the employee, member or applicant has opposed an unlawful employment practice, made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that filing a discrimination complaint with the NAACP does not mean that the NAACP will be representing you in any legal matter. If you believe you have a discrimination claim, you must file a claim with the appropriate State or Federal agency in a timely manner. Failure to do so may prevent you from pursuing a claim in a court of law.

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

Completing this form does NOT constitute filing an official complaint with a legal authority. At this time the NAACP San Diego Branch is ONLY seeking information to assist you concerning this complaint. Please mail this information and copies of sustaining documents in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:

NAACP St. Mary Branch 6091
Legal Redress/Civil & Human Rights Complaint

P.O. Box 1926
Morgan City, LA 70381

NAACP St. Mary Branch Legal Redress 2011

Ford Oyster Shells

- One day in 1999 Ameripure Oyster Company just landed on Wall St. Not even 20 feet from [REDACTED]. No one told us Nothing, we never signed or agreed to anything, No one asked Nothing, at that time about 5 families lived on Wall St.
- Now its one family, my husband and I. The Neighborhood is black, The front of their building faces The railroad Track, The back part of it is [REDACTED].
- Its been 15 years they have been here. The first 5 years I was in and out of hospitals with [REDACTED], my husband [REDACTED] had to take care his very sick mother and me, he is disabled too.
- My husband and I, our Neighbors, we talked to them, we talked to the Mayor, City Councilman, The police Department about all the unwashed oyster Shells being spread out on their parking lot. The buzzards would feed on These shells. The stink and the flies was + still is Horrible.

- Our house is like a bowl on the street, very low, The street floods, when we get a hard rain, or flood water mixes with the shells and juices + meat, the water contaminates the yard, leaving foul odor and huge earthworms all over our yards. The flies too.
- Now they are putting them in a small section and in this large Bin That drains on the ground. At one time it would drain in the street, The green slime would run down the street, The sun come out and The maggots and flies take over this slime, The smell was awful then and it still is. It gets in The ~~car~~ house, car, flies and all.
- One time the steam from the building would kill the leaves on the 2 big trees in front the house. In may and June (Summer Time) The leaves would turn brown, die and fall. After about 7 years they fixed that.
- Around 2009, They put a refrigerator, The outside of The refrigerator has the big

fan. It dims the street lights, It used to drain this water that smells like sewage right in front our door. I would go over there to talk To Them about it, I'll ask them to wash The street down, They did, sometime. The city Councilman got them To fix that.

● Now This fan blows extremely hot air all day from the loud refrigerator, It stinks too. The heat from This fan is so hot, you can stand in The front yard in The winter with 10 Coat or sweater on. Now The front of The house is all messed up from This heat, it look like grease spots all over it. Now As of June 28, 2014, They have blocked off The Top part of the fan where The heat comes from.

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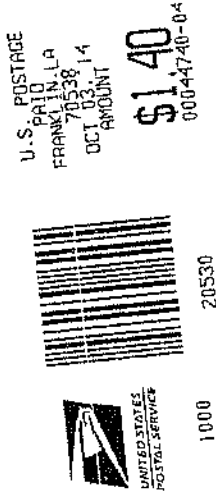
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 06R-15-R6

John Tesvich
Ameripure Oyster Company, Inc.
803 Willow Street
Franklin, Louisiana 70538

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Tesvich:

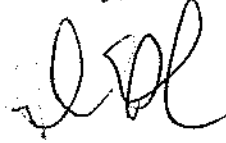
This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint on February 24, 2015 alleging that the Ameripure Oyster Company and the City of Franklin may have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed.)

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Ericka Farrell of my staff at (202) 564-0717, or via e-mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HWA', is positioned above the typed name.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosure

cc: Elise Packard,
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman, Deputy Civil Rights Official
Region VI, (MC-6RA)



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

*Federal Coordination and Compliance Section-NWB
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Washington, DC 20530*

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Ms. Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20004

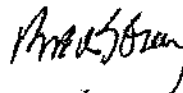
Dear Ms. Golightly-Howell:

Enclosed for your review is a letter received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. The matter does not appear to be within the jurisdiction of our office.

However, the issues raised may fall within the jurisdiction of your agency and, therefore, we are referring it to you for appropriate disposition. The writer has been notified of the referral.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Deeana Jang
Chief

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section
Civil Rights Division

Enclosure

FEB 24 2015

Willie J. Peters
246 Gum Point Ln
Franklin, LA 70538

FEDERAL COORDINATION
AND
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Washington, D.C. 20530

I am writing in behalf of [REDACTED] who have been living with this problem a long time, he have call any and everyone who he thought would give him some relief. He brought this to our attention. We (Meaning the NAACP) told him that we would send this to everyone that might have something to do with this. Enclose are some of the documents he gave.

Thank You


Willie J. Peters

FEB 24 2015

St. Mary Branch 6091 Legal Redress/Civil & Human Rights Complaint Form



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NAACP St. Mary Branch #6091

Post Office Box 1926

Morgan City, LA 70381

Email: www.stmarynaacp@gmail.com

Are you a current member of the NAACP?

Yes ☐ No ☒

DATE: 7-20-2014

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED:

FOLLOWED UP BY:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Address

Telephone Number (home)

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (work)

Ext.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION UNLESS ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPLETED (ON BOTH PAGES), ALONG WITH A ONE-PART SUMMARY OF THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION THAT OCCURRED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED. YOU MAY ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES.

Do you currently have an attorney?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Address

Attorney's Name

Telephone #

Fax #

City, State, Zip

Please select all that may apply: (please submit copies with complaint form.)

Has a lawsuit been filed?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when and where?

Please List Agency in which you are filing complaint against:

Place of Business

Government Agency

School District

Law Enforcement

Other

Have you filed a complaint with the EEOC?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when and which office?

Have you filed a complaint with Fair Employment & Housing?

Yes No If yes, when and where?

(a) Type of discrimination:

Civil Rights Violation / Hate Crimes

Discrimination

Harassment

Housing

Racial Profiling

Retaliation

Other:

Environmental Racism

Other actions taken:

(b) How were you discriminated against?

We were targeted because of color -> Don't have money

(c) By who were you discriminated? - Include name(s), race, and gender of each:

Name:

City of Franklin

Race:

Name:

Americus Oyster Company

Race:

Name:

Race:

(d) Where did the discrimination take place? Cite location/address for each incident:

Address #1:

City:

State:

Address #2:

City:

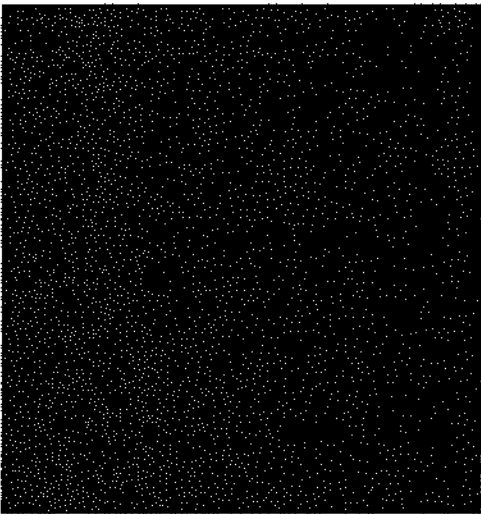
State:

(e) Did anyone witness the discrimination that took place?

lawyers or power in office.

FEB 24 2015

Southern Living
www.southernliving.com

Witness #1: Available to make statement on your behalf: Yes No	Address: Phone:	
Witness #2 Available to make statement on your behalf: Yes No	Address: Phone:	
(f) What was the effect or impact of the discriminating behavior on you?		
(g) To date, what actions have you taken so far?		
(h) Have you filed a complaint with or notified any other organization or individual?		
Name:	Address: Phone:	
What actions, if any, were taken in response to the complaint or notice of concern?		
Who took these actions?		
When were these actions taken?		
(i) What would you like the NAACP San Diego Branch to do for you regarding the discrimination/complaint? <i>Give us information, Guide us to the right people.</i>		

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I affirm that the statements that I have made above are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby request the assistance of the NAACP San Diego Branch in seeking a remedy to the situation described above. I hereby authorize the officers of the NAACP St. Mary Branch to have access to information and documents, which are relevant to my claim of discrimination described above.

I understand that once a referral has been made to a volunteer, community agency or private attorney, the NAACP St. Mary Branch WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for handling this matter. I further understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to HOLD the NAACP San Diego Branch harmless for any and all damages arising as a result of my case being mishandled, negligently handled or improperly handled in any way.

Signature:  Print FULL Name:  Date: 7-30-2014

NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 704 (a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (as amended), Section 4 (d) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, (as amended), and various other civil rights laws make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, employment agency, or labor organization: to discriminate against employees, applicants for employment, member or applicant for membership, because the employee, member or applicant has opposed an unlawful employment practice, made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that filing a discrimination complaint with the NAACP does not mean that the NAACP will be representing you in any legal matter. If you believe you have a discrimination claim, you must file a claim with the appropriate State or Federal agency in a timely manner. Failure to do so may prevent you from pursuing a claim in a court of law.

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

Completing this form does NOT constitute filing an official complaint with a legal authority. At this time the NAACP San Diego Branch is ONLY seeking information to assist you concerning this complaint. Please mail this information and copies of sustaining documents in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:

NAACP St. Mary Branch 6091
Legal Redress/Civil & Human Rights Complaint

P.O. Box 1926
Morgan City, LA 70381

NAACP St. Mary Branch Legal Redress 2011

Foul Oyster Shells

- One day in 1999 Ameripure Oyster Company just landed on Wall St. Not even 20 feet from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. No one told us nothing, we never signed or agreed to anything, No one asked nothing, at that time about 5 families lived on Wall St.
- Now its one family, my husband and I. The Neighborhood is black, The front of Their building faces The railroad Track, The back part of it is [REDACTED] [REDACTED].
- Its been 15 years they have been here. The first 5 years I was in and out of hospitals with [REDACTED], my husband [REDACTED] had to take care his very sick mother and me, he is disabled too.
- My husband and I, our Neighbors, we talked to them, we talked to the Mayor, City Councilman, The police Department about all the unwashed oyster shells being spread out on their parking lot. The buzzards would feed on These shells. The stink and the flies was + still is Horrible.

- Our house is like a bowl on the street, Very low, The street floods, when we get a hard rain, or flood water mixes with the shells and juices + meat, the water contaminates the yard, leaving foul odor and huge earthworms all over our yards. The flies too.
- Now they are putting them in a small section and in this large Bin That drains on the ground. At one time it would drain in the street, The green slime would run down the street, The sun come out and The maggots and flies take over this slime, The smell was awful then and it still is. It gets in The house, car, flies and all.
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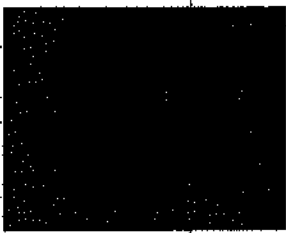
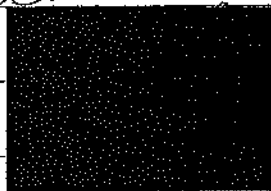
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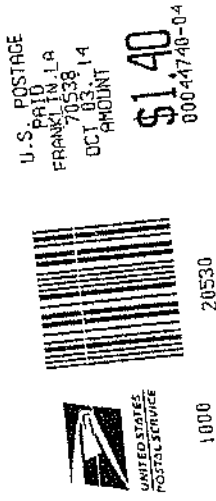
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Khan, Zahra

From: Farrell, Ericka
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:55 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena; Grandstaff, Anderson
Subject: RE: Yet, Another Civil Rights violation(s) filing(s), claim(s) , complaint(s) against The City / Parish Of East Baton Rouge, All East Baton Rouge Parish Councilmembers

Good Day (b) (6) ,

This is an acknowledgement of your correspondence. However, any new complaints or correspondence can you please address to Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director for the External Compliance Program for the Office of Civil Rights. Her email is wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov. Thanks.

Regards,

Ericka Farrell

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To: Ericka Farrell
Mayor Melvin Kip Holden Administration
East Baton Rouge Metro Council
All parties involved

New 3/3/15

These are continuous, New, Present, And Future Complaint(s) / Claim(s)

Our community is forced to live in human waste sewage air pollution for many years, because of our race, economical status (poor / minority community / communities throughout Baton Rouge . Color (negro's), national origin (African American) sex (male & female minority community) disabilities (many disable residents, who are being taken advantage of because of illnesses and financial problems / crisis.

We are forced to live and breathe constant/ consistent sewage air pollution / sewer flies pollution throughout our whole community on a daily basis for years even now today. While others breathe fresh, safe, decent, sanitary air at our expense, we are suffering. Many Civil Rights, Discrimination, Environmental Justice Violations.

Read Mayor Melvin Kip Holden Testimony, case #432169. 19th JDC Judge Kay Bates.
Words from our present Mayor Melvin Kip Holden.

" I AM AWARE OF THAT, BUT I AM ALSO AWARE THAT THE CITY HAD SOME OPTIONS THAT IT DID NOT EXPLORE, OR CHOOSE TO USE.

I AM FAMILIAR WITH THAT ARGUMENT THAT IS BEING MADE, BUT I AM NOT SURE FRANKLY AGAIN, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT WE HAVE OFFERED TO GET THE FACILITY OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT THE CITY / PARISH HAD SOME OPTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THEM NOT TO EXPAND THAT FACILITY TO THE EXTENT IT DID IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD".

This is discrimination ! (Construction still going on / extending the plant today to bring in more sewage from the Zachary area rerouting pipes now to bring sewage from Zachary. This construction has nothing to do with the community buyout. This construction is adding more burdens to our community.

More words from Mayor Melvin Kip Holden. " WE WERE GOING TO MOVE UP TO THE OLD

-- I WON'T SAY KAISER PLANT, BUT THEY USED TO HAVE A VANILLIN PLANT RIGHT UP BY DEL -- WHATEVER THE PLANT IS UP THERE. THEY HAD A PLANT BACK IN THERE THAT WE LOOKED AT, PROBABLY RELOCATING THE FACILITY AND REROUTING PIPELINES SO IT WOULD GO BACK OF AN INDUSTRIAL AREA INSTEAD OF EXPANDING IT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

AT THATTIME, I THINK ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS PUT FORTH, I REMEMBER BY MY FRIEND (b) (6) WAS THE COST, AND I THINK I RESPONDED TO HIM AT THAT TIME THAT IF FROM THE TIME I WAS BORN, THAT IF WE HAD MATCHED THE SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, I WOULD NOT HAVE AN ARGUMENT WITH THE POSITION THAT HE TOOK, BUT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCREPANCIES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING SPENT IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES. AND POOR COMMUNITIES. THROUGHOUT BATON ROUGE. SO, I FELT IT WAS NO MORE THAN RIGHT TO TRY TO EXTEND AND USE THIS MONEY IN ORDER TO AT LEAST RELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF THE BURDEN THEY WERE CONFRONTING ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS".

This construction to bring sewage from Zachary into our community and previous constructions continue to violate us in everyway.

The way the lines are drawn for the buyout, which exclude citizens which are suffering also which should be included into the buyout area. (b) (6)

members are still forced to worship in human waste.

We are not living in decent, safe or sanitary conditions, Mayor Melvin Holden And The City Of Baton Rouge are discriminating against our poor minority community because of our economical status.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

---- "Farrell wrote:

> Good Afternoon (b) (6) ,

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> Just inquiring to see if (b) (6) You will be hearing something soon regarding your complaint. Sorry for the delay.

>

> Ericka Farrell

> Office of Civil Rights

> External Complaints & Resolution

> 2025640717

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 08R-15-R4

(b) (6)

Tallahassee, Florida 32312-4203

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint on March 3, 2015, alleging that the Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
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Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Kenneth Lapierre
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In Reply Refer to:

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Mr. Jonathan Staton, PE
Environmental Health
Jefferson County Department of Health
1400 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama 35233

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 10U-15-R8

(b) (6)

Mooreton, North Dakota, 58061

Re: Notification and Referral of Correspondence

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on April 13, 2015, concerning the North Dakota Department of Agriculture Mediation Service (NDDOA). Your correspondence contained a copy of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Program Discrimination Complaint Form and accompanying documents.

The EPA does not have jurisdiction over complaints related to NDDOA's mediation services. It appears that your complaint may fall within the jurisdiction of the USDA's OCR. For these reasons, the EPA/OCR is referring your complaint to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication for appropriate action. A copy of this referral letter is enclosed.

Carl-Martin Ruiz is the director of the Office of Adjudication of USDA's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights is. His contact information is USDA/OASCR, 541 Reporter's Building, Mail Stop 9410, 300 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20250. To obtain further information on USDA's discrimination complaint process, you may also contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Information Research Service, at (202) 260-1026 or (866) 632-9992 (toll free) or send an email to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at CR-INFO@ascr.usda.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact William Yon at (202) 564-5617, yon.william@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Golightly-Howell for".

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director, EPA Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office, EPA
(MC 2399A)

Deb Thomas
Deputy Civil Rights Official
U.S. EPA Region VIII
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129
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February 4, 2016

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In Reply Refer To:

EPA File No: 12U-15-R5

(b) (6)
[Redacted]
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112

Re: Prospective Resubmission of Administrative Correspondence

Dear (b) (6)
[Redacted]

On June 9, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received your letter in reference to a complaint filed against a body shop owned by Gary Parson and Chad Owens. In this letter, you stated that you had mailed your complaint by certified mail in early 2015. Additionally, you indicated that your records confirm that the OCR received your complaint, but you failed to provide a certified mail number. Please note that all OCR correspondence related to potential or actual complaints is mailed using certified return receipt. To date, the OCR has found no record indicating that it received a complaint from you against Gary Parson and Chad Owens, or any additional information that provides a basis to assist you further regarding this matter.

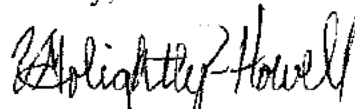
The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints that allege discrimination by programs and activities receiving financial assistance from EPA. In order for the OCR to initiate a preliminary review of an administrative correspondence for acceptance for investigation as a complaint, the communication must meet the four jurisdictional requirements described in EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the correspondence must be in writing. Second, it must allege discriminatory act(s) that if true, may violate EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, such as an intentionally discriminatory act or a policy with discriminatory effects based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Third, it must be received within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the alleged discrimination claim(s) in question must be made against an applicant for, or a recipient of, EPA financial assistance.

After careful consideration, the OCR has concluded that the letter we received on June 9, 2015, cannot itself be processed as a complaint accepted for investigation because the information in this letter does not meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. If you would like for OCR to give your correspondence further consideration as a potential complaint, please resubmit the prior correspondence referenced in your letter; and provide additional information regarding why you believe you have been subjected to

discrimination over which the OCR has jurisdiction using the criteria described above and the date(s) on which you believe that you were subjected to the alleged discrimination within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. If the OCR does receives additional information within the stated time timeframe or you do not request an extension of time in which to reply, the OCR will be forced to close the subject matter.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the OCR at (202) 564-7272 and ask to speak with Jonathan Stein, Landzy Theodore or another member of my staff who can assist you. Mr. Stein may be reached at (202) 564-2088, or Stein.Jonathan@epa.gov. Ms. Theodore may be reached at (202) 564-2714, or Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov. The OCR's mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,



Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director, Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel,
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Robert Kaplan
Deputy Regional Administrator
Deputy Civil Rights Official
Region V



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1858

In Reply Refer to: OFFICE OF
EPA File No: 13U-15-R4 CIVIL RIGHTS

(b) (6)

Bayboro, North Carolina 28515

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that Pamlico Correctional Institution is in violation of various environmental laws.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. *See* 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Sara Kiridly of my staff at (202) 564-2713 or via e-mail at Kiridly.Sara@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Ken Lapierre
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 4
(MC 9T25)



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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1841

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 13U-15-R4

Pamlico Correctional Institution
601 North Third Street
Bayboro, North Carolina 28515

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that Pamlico Correctional Institute violated various environmental laws.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. *See* 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Sara Kiridly of my staff at (202) 564-2713 or via e-mail at Kiridly.Sara@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Velveta Golightly-Howell", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Ken Lapierre
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 4
(MC 9T25)



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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1902

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 14U-15-R3

(b) (6)

Williamson, West Virginia 25561

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, Kinzer Drilling, LLC, and Energy Corporation of America violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Landzy Theodore of my staff at (202) 564-2714 or via e-mail at Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Velveta Golightly-Howell for", is written over a horizontal line.

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

William Early
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 3
(MC 3DA00)



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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1933

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 14U-15-R3

Robert Rice
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation
601 57th Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Rice:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Landzy Theodore of my staff at (202) 564-2714 or via e-mail at Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

William Early
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 3
(MC 3DA00)



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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1919

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 14U-15-R3

Mr. Don Supcoe
Energy Corporation of America
Eastern Operations
500 Corporate Landing
Charleston, West Virginia 25311

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Supcoe:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that Energy Corporation of America violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Landzy Theodore of my staff at (202) 564-2714 or via e-mail at Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

William Early
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 3
(MC 3DA00)



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 14U-15-R3

Harold Hall
Kinzer Drilling, LLC
Quality Natural Gas, LLC
Kentucky 80
Allen City, Kentucky 41601

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Hall:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint on June 24, 2015, alleging that Kinzer Drilling, LLC violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Landzy Theodore of my staff at (202) 564-2714 or via e-mail at Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

William Early
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region 3
(MC 3DA00)



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April 13, 2016

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In Reply Refer to:
File No. 19R-15-R2

(b) (6)

Trenton, New Jersey 08609

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on May 26, 2015 sent to an electronic mailbox entitled "Title VI Complaints".

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LSDorka", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Lilian S. Dorka
Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Richard Manna
Assistant Regional Administrator
Deputy Civil Rights Official
US EPA Region 2



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File No. 19R-15-R2

(b) (6)

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on October 22, 2015 and on October 23, 2015 sent to an electronic mailbox entitled "Title VI Complaints".

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dorka", is written over a horizontal line.

Lilian S. Dorka
Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Richard Manna
Assistant Regional Administrator
Deputy Civil Rights Official
US EPA Region 2



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April 13, 2016

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In Reply Refer to:
File No. 19R-15-R2

(b) (6)

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on May 19, 2015 and on May 28, 2015 sent to an electronic mailbox entitled "Title VI Complaints".

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dorka", is written over the typed name.

Lilian S. Dorka
Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Richard Manna
Assistant Regional Administrator
Deputy Civil Rights Official
US EPA Region 2



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January 28, 2016

Email Sent To:

(b) (6)

In Reply Refer to:

File No. 19R-15-R2

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on August 11, 2015.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Samuel Peterson", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Samuel Peterson
Equal Opportunity Investigator
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Don Pace
Deputy Director
Deputy Civil Rights Official
US EPA Region II



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January 28, 2016

Email Sent To:

(b) (6)

In Reply Refer to:

File No. 19R-15-R2

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on January 20, 2016.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Samuel Peterson
Equal Opportunity Investigator
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Don Pace
Deputy Director
Deputy Civil Rights Official
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JAN 27 2016

Email Sent To:

(b) (6)

In Reply Refer to:

File No. 19R-15-R2

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear

(b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on December 17, 2015.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or by e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Lilian Dorka
Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office

Donna Vizian
Assistant Regional Administrator
Deputy Civil Rights Official
U.S. EPA Region II



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AUG 05 2015

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Certified Mail #: 7009 2820 0002 1759 1094

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 19R-15-R2

Mr. Bob Martin
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
401 East State Street
Seventh Floor, East Wing
Post Office Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402

Re: Notification of Receipt of Correspondence

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to notify you that on July 16, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has received correspondence, dated May 26, 2015, which appears to allege that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

In this correspondence, the complainant alleged that the NJDEP discriminated against minority residents of Trenton when it granted the New Jersey School Development Authority an authorization to demolish a school building. The complainant posited that this demolition will be conducted in a manner that would disproportionately and adversely affect the health of nearby African American and Latino residents.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at Peterson.Samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeryl W. Covington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeryl" being more prominent.

Jeryl W. Covington
Acting Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Donna Vizian
Deputy Civil Rights Official
US EPA Region II



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SEP 29 2015

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Certified Mail #: 7015 0640 0305 7008

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 25R-15-R6

(b) (6)

Alexandria, Louisiana 71302

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint on August 23, 2015. In your complaint, you allege that there are multiple creosote facilities that are causing health impacts in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR is reviewing your complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Landzy Theodore of my staff at (202) 564-2714 or via e-mail at Theodore.Landzy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeryl Covington
Acting Assistant Director, Office of Civil
Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office, (MC 2399A)

Sam Coleman
Deputy Civil Rights Official, U.S. EPA Region VI, (MC 6RA)



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SEP 11 2015

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Certified Mail #: 7015 0640 0006 0305 6902

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 26NOD-15-R10

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(b) (6)

Mukilteo, Washington 98275

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on September 9, 2015, alleging that the City of Mukilteo's approval of the placement of a cell tower installation (b) (6) will cause disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects on you and will have discriminatory effects on individuals based on their national origin and disability status.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Brittany Martinez of my staff at (202) 564-0727 or via email at martinez.brittany@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeryl W. Covington
Acting Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office, (MC 2399A)

Michelle Pirzadeh
DCRO, Region X, (MC RA-210)